(b) if so, whether the survey of the proposed Khurdha Road-Bolangir line *via* Phulabani would be reconsidered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Surveys for Railway lines are undertaken from time to time, as considered necessary.

(b) Survey of the proposed Khurda Road-Bolangir line *via phulbani* is not likely to be reconsidered in view of the additional length, steeper gradients and heavy additional cost involved in taking the line *via* Phulbani.

Development of paradip port

64. SHRI JAGADISH JAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated by Government for the development of Paradip Port in Orissa during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount proposed to be spent on the development of Paradip Port in 1989-90 financial year; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government during these years on the development of the Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) An amount of Rs. 44.05 crores had been allocated for plan schemes of Paradip Port during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 3.909 crores has been provided for plan schemes of Paradip Port during 1989-90.

(c) The major development schemes approved or executed during the Seventh Five Year Plan are as under:

(1) Construction of Fertilizer Berth.

(2) Construction of Third General Cargo Berth.

(3) Replacement of Bucket-wheel Reclaimer.

(4) Construction of roads/ buildings.

(5) Replacement of Cargo handling equipment.

(6) Electrical installations and underground cabling system.

(7) Workshop machinery including building.

(8) Coal handling facilities.

(9) Improvement and modifications to Iron Ore Berth.

The Government have also approved the preparation of a techno-economic report for further development of the Port to receive iron ore vessels upto 1, 70, 000 DWT.

Vacant posts in Railway Stations in Orissa

65. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large nuniber of vacanices exist in different Railway Stations in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some posts have been lying vacant in some railway stations since long; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fill up those vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) During 1986 to 1988 appointment were made against 1151 posts based on recruitment made by Railway Recruitment Board, Bhubaneswar. These